

HOUSE No. 2788

By Mr. LeDuc of Marlborough, petition of Stephen P. LeDuc and others relative to ensuring affordable premiums in the medical assistance program. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO ENSURE AFFORDABLE PREMIUMS IN THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SECURITY PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10F of chapter 118E of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in
3 place thereof the following subsection:—

4 (d) The cost of the program shall be funded in part by pre-
5 miums contributed by enrollees according to the following eligi-
6 bility categories:

7 (1) enrollees in households ineligible for medical benefits pur-
8 suant to this chapter earning less than 200 per cent of the federal
9 poverty level shall not be responsible for contributing to program
10 premium costs;

11 (2) enrollees in households earning between 201 per cent and
12 300 per cent of the federal poverty level, inclusive, shall con-
13 tribute not less than 20 per cent and not more than 30 per cent of
14 the monthly premium cost according to a sliding scale established
15 by the division; provided, that additional contributions shall not
16 be required for any enrollee after the third enrollee in such a
17 household;

18 (3) enrollees in households earning between 301 per cent and
19 400 percent of the federal poverty level, inclusive, shall contribute
20 not less than eighty-five per cent and not more than ninety percent
21 of the monthly premium cost according to a sliding scale estab-
22 lished by the division; provided, that additional contributions shall
23 not be required for any enrollee after the first enrollee in such a
24 household;

25 (4) enrollees in households earning more than 400 per cent of
26 the federal poverty level shall pay no more than the full premium
27 cost of said program.

28 Household earnings may be defined on the basis of gross earn-
29 ings, or on an adjusted basis according to criteria deemed appro-
30 priate by the division. The division shall base premium costs on
31 an actuarially sound methodology. Premiums contributed by
32 enrollees shall be deposited in the Children's and Seniors' Health
33 Care Assistance Fund, established by section 2FF of chapter 29
34 and may be used for the program subject to appropriation.